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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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BOROUGH OF TENTERDEN (KENT)

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health  
and the Chief Public Health Inspector for the  
Year 1967  
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Mr. Mayor, Alderman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1967.

Home Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 5,620 which represents an increase of 130 over that of the previous year.

Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 78 (41 M. 37 F.) an increase of three over that of the previous year and the corresponding crude birth-rate was 13.9 which after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor to allow comparison with the birth-rate of other Districts, becomes 15.3 and was lower than that of 17.2 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

Two stillbirths were registered during the year and the corresponding rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths was 25.0; compared with that of 14.8 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Mortality

Two infant deaths were registered due to:-

- i. Acute gastro-enteritis - 3 months.
- ii. Intracranial haemorrhage )  
Precipitate labour ) - 16 hours.  
Respiratory distress )

The infant mortality rate was accordingly 25.64 compared with that of 18.3 for England and Wales.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

There were no Maternal deaths, which is a reflection of the high standard of modern Obstetric practice.

Total Deaths and Mortality Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 101 (38 M. 63 F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 18.0, which includes the deaths assigned from the West View Chronic Sick Hospital. The Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and allows comparison with other Districts adjusts the crude death rate and the adjustment rate was 9.72 in comparison with that of 11.2 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths was from natural amongst the aged, viz. Heart and Circulatory Disease and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System, of those there were 62.

Disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart was the cause of 22 of those deaths in the following age-groups; 1 between 35 - 44; 3 between 55 - 64; 7 between 65 - 74 and 11 over 75 years. These figures follow the usual pattern that the majority of deaths from Coronary disease are amongst the aged and would suggest that a degenerative process is the most important causative factor.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths, of which there were 13 in the following age-groups; 1 between 35 - 44; 3 between 55 - 64; 3 between 65 - 74 and 6 over 75 years.

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus was the cause of 3 deaths in the following age-groups; 1 between 65 - 74 and 2 over 75 years.

Cancer of the Breast caused 4 deaths in the following age-groups; 2 between 55 - 64; 1 between 65 - 74 and 1 over 75 years.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous and there was no unusual mortality. There was no death from Infectious Disease.

#### Infectious Diseases

Eighty-six cases were notified during the year. As stated in previous reports, it is equivocal whether this infection should be statutorily notifiable as per se it is not serious and its former serious complications are less frequent and are successfully treated by the Antibiotics, excepting Acute Encephalitis which is very rare. During outbreaks, the busy Practitioner has little, if any, time to spare in being obliged to notify these cases and unnecessary time of Office Administrative Staffs is taken up in the registration of cases and in the payment of the notification fees which is wasteful expenditure.

#### Scarlet Fever

Five cases were notified. This infection in its present phase is mild and any of its complications are successfully treated by the Antibiotics. Occasionally Acute Nephritis occurs unexpectedly.

#### Whooping Cough

Eighteen cases were notified. In view of the effectiveness of vaccination this number is rather unusual - there was none in the previous two years.

#### Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia

One case of this illness was notified. Including the Secondary Pneumonias which are not notifiable, there were seven deaths in the following age-groups; 1 between 45 - 54 and 6 over 75 years.

#### Tuberculosis

There was one new case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and the patient was over 65 years of age.

No non-Respiratory case was notified which is a tribute to the safety of the milk supplies.

Also there was no death which is a reflection of the efficacy of modern treatment.

In conclusion, I would state that the Public Health of the Borough was very satisfactory throughout the year, and I would take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest in and support of the Department and the staff for their efficient service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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SECTION A.

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1967

Area:- 8,946 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	...	5,620
<u>Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books</u>	.			2,060
<u>Rateable Value</u>	...	...	...	£210,274
<u>Sum Represented by a Penny Rate</u>	...	...	...	£785

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SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Tenterden Borough is a corporate member of the Cinque Ports as a Limb of the Ancient Town of Rye, and as such has retained its identity, its historical traditions and characteristic charm.

The Borough is largely a residential district, being surrounded by wide rural areas affords a convenient and good shopping centre. Its chief business interests are associated with those of agriculture, as being the main industry.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		<u>Tenterden</u> <u>Borough</u>	<u>England</u> <u>and</u> <u>Wales</u>
1.	<u>Live Births</u>	78	41	37	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	13.9 (Adjusted Rate 15.3)	17.2
	(a) Legitimate	70	35	35			
	(b) Illegitimate	8	6	2			
2.	<u>Stillbirths</u>	2	1	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	25.0	14.8
	(a) Legitimate	2	1	1			
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3.	<u>Total live and stillbirths</u>	80	42	38			
4.	<u>Deaths</u>	101	38	63	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	18.0 (Adjusted Rate 9.72)	11.2
5.	<u>Deaths from Pregnancy</u> <u>Childbirth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	Nil	Not Available
6.	<u>Deaths of Infants under</u> <u>One Year of Age</u>	2	-	2	Rate per 1,000 live births	25.64	26.0
	(a) Legitimate	1	-	1	Rate per 1,000 live births (legitimate)	14.2	
	(b) Illegitimate	1	-	1	Rate per 1,000 live births (illegitimate)	125.0	
7.	<u>Perinatal Mortality</u> <u>(i.e. Stillbirths and Deaths</u> <u>under 1 week.)</u>	3	1	2	Rate per 1,000 live births	38.0	25.4
	(a) Legitimate	3	1	2			
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
8.	<u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u>					10%	
9.	Deaths from Cancer (all ages)				...	...	13
	Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)				...	...	-
	Deaths from Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea				...	...	2
	Deaths from Measles				...	...	-

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The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

Measles	...	...	...	86
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	5
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	18
Acute Pneumonia	...	...	...	1

CAUSES OF DEATH IN TENTERDEN BOROUGH

DURING 1967

ALL CAUSES				Males	Females
				38	63
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	-	-
8.	Measles	...	...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	-	-
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	...	...	1	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	-	4
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	4	1
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	-	-
16.	Diabetes	...	...	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	3	8
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	12	10
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	-	-
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	5	19
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	3	2
22.	Influenza	...	...	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	2	5
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	1	-
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	3	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	-	2
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	3	6
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	1	-
34.	All other accidents	...	...	-	2
35.	Suicide	...	...	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1967

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>				<u>Total Cases on Register</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	16	3	2
5 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
15 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
25 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
35 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
45 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
55 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Total	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.



IMMUNISATION

The following table shows the Poliomyelitis and Diphtheria immunisation figures for 1967 based on the return sent to the Ministry of Health.

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>			<u>REINFORCING</u>		
	<u>Poliomyelitis</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Diph/Tet.</u>	<u>Poliomyelitis</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Diph/Tet.</u>
1967	19	37	-	-	-	-
1966	55	38	-	-	2	-
1965	4	2	-	-	57	9
1964	2	-	-	-	3	-
1963	-	-	-	-	-	2
1960 - 1967	-	-	-	66	6	67
1951 - 1959	6	-	-	5	1	8
Total	86	77	-	71	69	86

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

<u>Primary Vaccination</u> <u>1 Year</u>	<u>Re-vaccination</u> <u>School Age but Under 8 Years</u>
63	3

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the year:-

	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>			<u>Chemical Examination</u>		
	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>
Statutory supply undertakings	1	1	-	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	10	10	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	-	-	-	-	-	-

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate and as far as known none of the supplies are plumbo-solvent.

- (B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies ... 14
- (ii) Number of dwellings in the area ... 2,060

(C) Brief details as to extensions of water mains during the year:-

76 yards 1½" diameter pipe in land adjoining Mill Farm, Mill Lane Tenterden.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

- (i) (a) the number of food premises in the area ... 53
- (b) the number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955
- (i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... 28
- (ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... 8
- (c) the number of inspections of registered food premises 16
- (d) the method of disposal of condemned food - Burying at Council's refuse tip.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Bakehouses	...	...	5
Butchers and meat products manufacture	...	...	6
Catering Establishment and Clubs	...	...	14
Dairies	...	...	4
Fish (including fried)	...	...	2
Licensed Premises	...	...	4
Slaughterhouses	...	...	-
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans	...	...	5
All other Food Premises	...	...	34

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food and Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955) ... 4

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served 4

Inspection of Food and Food-preparing Premises

(A) Brief particulars of any action taken, including inspections of meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, stalls, vehicles and food-preparing places:-

All food premises were inspected during the year and staff advised where necessary, on food hygiene matters.

Proceedings were commenced, under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 in respect of one shop which sold unsound meat pies.

(B) Observations on manufacture and sale of ice-cream in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 - 1959.

No ice cream is manufactured within the Borough and all sold is supplied by two large manufacturers.

Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained.

	<u>Samples</u>	<u>Grades</u>			
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Sold loose	Nil	-	-	-	-
Wrapped or Part Wrapped	4	4	-	-	-

(ii) Milk and Dairies

(1) Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 (Part III)  
Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part III)

No. of registered distributors ... 13

No. of registered dairies ... 2

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Unsound Food Surrendered

	lbs.
Canned and Frozen Meat	102 $\frac{1}{2}$
Canned Fruit	50
Canned and Frozen Fish	15
Canned Vegetables	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Canned Milk	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Wet Fish	28

Total weight condemned - 222 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs.



PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

A. <u>Houses demolished</u>			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation (2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement (3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957  <u>Not in Clearance Areas</u> (4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	<u>In Clearance Areas</u> (Housing Act 1957)	<u>Houses Demolished</u>	<u>Displaced during year</u> <u>Persons</u> <u>Families</u>
		Nil	Nil Nil Nil
		Nil	Nil Nil Nil
		Nil	Nil Nil Nil
B. <u>Unfit Houses Closed</u>		<u>Number</u>	
(5) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957		2	
(6) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957		Nil	
(7) Parts of buildings closed under (Section 18, Housing Act, 1957)		Nil	
C. <u>Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied</u>			
		<u>By Owner</u>	<u>By Local Authority</u>
(8) After informal action by local authority		3	Nil
(9) After formal notice under:- (a) Public Health Acts (b) Sections 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957.		Nil Nil	Nil Nil
(10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957		Nil	Nil
D. <u>Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)</u>			
<u>Position at end of year</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1)</u>	
	(1)	(2)	
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation (a) Under Section 48 (b) Under Section 17(2) (c) Under Section 46	Nil Nil Nil	- - -	
(12) <del>Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 35</del>	Nil	-	
E. <u>Purchase of Houses by agreement</u>		<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Number of occupants of houses in column (1)</u>
		(1)	(2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.		Nil	-



IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS

GRANTS

Seven applications were received for grants; none of which were conversions.

All applications were approved and the total cost was £4,427 - 14 - 10d.

The total number of houses concerned in the improvements was 7.

In addition to the above improvements, work was started during the year to provide indoor water-closets at 16 Council houses.

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections of dwellings re repairs	...	19
Number of dwellings made fit	...	3
Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act. (Demolition and Closing Orders)		4
Number of inspections of clearance areas	...	-
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment		-

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958  
Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	81
Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants	71

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair	...	Nil
Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedying of Defects	...	Nil

Housing (General)

Number of inspections re housing applications	...	10
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Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	4
Aged and Infirm Persons	...	1
Vermin	...	2
Dirty Houses	...	2
Offensive accumulations	...	6
Offensive odours	...	11
Nuisance from Keeping of Animals	...	19

NOTICES SERVED

Informal Formal

Public Health Acts	2	-
Housing Acts	-	-

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS

i. House Structure

(a) External

Chimney Stacks	...	-
Roof	...	2
Gutters and fall pipes	...	1
Brickwork, pointing and rendering	...	-
Windows (including cords)	...	-

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS (Contd.)

i. <u>House Structure (Contd.)</u>		
Doors	...	-
Decorations	...	-
Outbuildings	...	-
Yard Surfacing	...	-
(b) <u>Internal</u>		
Plasterwork (walls and ceilings)	...	2
Doors and Cupboards	...	-
Fireplace and stoves	...	-
Staircase	...	-
Floors (including under floor ventilation)	...	-
Miscellaneous repairs	...	-
ii. <u>Dampness to dwellings</u>		
Walls	...	1
Floors	...	-
iii. <u>Foodstore to dwellings</u>		
Made satisfactory	...	-
Provided	...	-
iv. <u>Water Supply to dwellings</u>		
Wells supplies made adequate and safe	...	-
Wells discontinued and main water provided	...	-
Service piping renewed	...	-
Sinks renewed	...	-
Drainers renewed or provided	...	-
v. <u>Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings (including compartments)</u>		
Repaired	...	-
New Provided	...	-
Conversions to W.C.'s from pail closets	...	-
vi. <u>Ventilation of dwellings</u>		
Improved	...	-
viii. <u>Drainage - general</u>		
Drains renewed or repaired	...	-
Drains cleared	...	7
viii. <u>Natural Lighting of Dwellings</u>		
Improved	...	-
ix. <u>Stability of Buildings Remedied</u>	...	1
x. <u>Dustbins Renewed</u>	...	-

HOUSING

(i)	No. of families on Council's waiting list at end of year.	86
(ii)	No. of Council houses built during the year	... 14
(iii)	No. of Private houses built during the year	... 33

### CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The Council does not operate a cesspool emptying service. Occupiers of premises with cesspools arrange emptyings with a contractor.

### DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) is ...	2,060
Total number of houses connected to the sewers ...	1,645
Number of houses not connected to the sewers ...	415
Number of houses connected to cesspools ...	407
Number of houses with pail closets ...	8

### REFUSE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL

Domestic and trade refuse collected weekly by an enclosed rear loading compression type machine which is supplemented on two days of each week by an open lorry collecting from the rural areas of the Borough. Disposal is by controlled tipping.

### SALVAGE

Salvage of waste paper was discontinued by the Council during the year and no other materials are salvaged. Waste paper is now collected by a private contractor.

### DISINFECTION

No disinfections were carried out during the year.

### DISINFESTATION

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

	<u>Bugs</u>	<u>Fleas</u>	<u>Cockroaches</u>
Council houses	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other houses	Nil	1	Nil

### FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Reg- ister	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	20	10	Nil	Nil
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	1	1	Nil	Nil
Total	21	11	Nil	Nil



2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act - Outwork - Section 110 and 111

There are no Outworker's employed in the Borough

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES

AND FOOD

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

		TYPE OF PROPERTY	
		NON-AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS			
i.	Number of properties in district	1,943	127
ii.	(a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	Nil	Nil
	(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	35	Nil
	(ii) Mice	30	Nil
iii.	(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	5	Nil
	(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	Nil	Nil
	(ii) Mice	Nil	Nil